

**From:** [Moore, Gary](#)  
**To:** [Richner, Donald - HHS](#)  
**Subject:** Re: COH Waste/Water Sample (Steve Dicker)  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 03, 2014 10:08:23 AM

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Get data back on friday

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

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**From:** Richner, Donald - HHS  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 3, 2014 10:01 AM  
**To:** Moore, Gary  
**Subject:** RE: COH Waste/Water Sample (Steve Dicker)

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Okay,

As long as the waste is there, the neighbors are going to be nervous.

Do you have any schedule for waste removal yet?

Thanks

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**From:** Moore, Gary [mailto:Moore.Gary@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 03, 2014 9:56 AM  
**To:** Richner, Donald - HHS  
**Subject:** Re: COH Waste/Water Sample (Steve Dicker)

It was primarily an odor complaint. No spill. Just a lot of water on the site with residual contamination on the water surface.

I came out on Sunday from dallas

Gary

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

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**From:** Richner, Donald - HHS  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 3, 2014 9:41 AM  
**To:** Moore, Gary  
**Subject:** RE: COH Waste/Water Sample (Steve Dicker)

Yes,

The oil level should be spill material and obtaining VOCs & SVOCs with TICs would identify what compounds were causing the odors at the time of the spill. That may not be relevant here anymore, but it would have answered questions about what compounds were present when the odor was worst and whether or not it was a significant health issue.

In any event, I am very glad the EPA is taking care of the waste stored onsite and look forward to the day when complaints about odors from CES are just a distant memory to all of us.

I saw that News 11 was out again last weekend talking about another HAZMAT response because of another possible spill and associated odor. Did you have to respond to that too?

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**From:** Moore, Gary [<mailto:Moore.Gary@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 03, 2014 9:07 AM

**To:** Richner, Donald - HHS

**Subject:** Re: COH Waste/Water Sample (Steve Dicker)

I think the two layers they are talking about is the oil or emulsified oil on top of water. I am not sure you can classify that as normal drainage from the site since we believe it is associated with a tank spill which we have data for.

Gaty

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

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**From:** Richner, Donald - HHS

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 3, 2014 8:23 AM

**To:** Moore, Gary

**Subject:** RE: COH Waste/Water Sample (Steve Dicker)

Gary,

Yes, this is what you sent. I was hoping they actually had more data, especially when they observe 2 layers being present.

I think this was a missed opportunity to characterize the leak while it was relatively fresh. I believe your data were from samples collected 2 days later and I don't recall seeing anything in it about 2 layers being present by then.

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**From:** Moore, Gary [<mailto:Moore.Gary@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 03, 2014 8:03 AM

**To:** Richner, Donald - HHS

**Subject:** RE: COH Waste/Water Sample (Steve Dicker)

**Don:**

**I thought I had already sent these to you. This should be a chain and the sample results. This is all the information. I think it was just a screen for an unknown materials. No further information that I am aware of except for the EPA water sample and the TCEQ sample of their collected water. I believe you have those.**

**Thanks**

**Gary Moore**

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From: Richner, Donald - HHS <[Donald.Richner@houstontx.gov](mailto:Donald.Richner@houstontx.gov)>

Sent: Wednesday, September 3, 2014 7:48 AM

To: Moore, Gary

Subject: RE: COH Waste/Water Sample (Steve Dicker)

Gary,

No, I actually meant to send it to you, no clue why I wrote Mark unless it was because he had just sent an email to which I did not need to respond?

In any event, I was hoping there was some analytical data to go with chain of custody from Officer Dicker's samples.

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From: Moore, Gary [[mailto:Moore.Gary@epa.gov](mailto:mailto:Moore.Gary@epa.gov)]

Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2014 9:06 PM

To: Richner, Donald - HHS

Subject: RE: COH Waste/Water Sample (Steve Dicker)

**Donald:**

**Did you mean to send this to me as it is being sent to a Mark?**

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From: Richner, Donald - HHS <[Donald.Richner@houstontx.gov](mailto:Donald.Richner@houstontx.gov)>

Sent: Tuesday, September 2, 2014 8:27 AM

To: Moore, Gary

Subject: RE: COH Waste/Water Sample (Steve Dicker)

Mark,

Do you have any data to go with there? In particular I am interested in VOCs, VOC TICs, SVOCs & SVOC TICs.

Thanks

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From: Moore, Gary [<mailto:Moore.Gary@epa.gov>]

Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2014 6:44 PM

To: Richner, Donald - HHS

Subject: COH Waste/Water Sample (Steve Dicker)

**Don:**

**I am not sure I ever sent this to you.**

**Thanks**

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